

with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of a considerable number of the members and friends of the Unitarian Congregation. In the afternoon of the same day, upwards of 150 of the members and friends, by invitation of the committee, met to unite at a Tea Party. The half-yearly meeting was held in the evening, when the First Half-yearly Report was read, from which we extract the following:—

“ At the request of the Rev. Maxwell Davidson, a few of the Colonists, known to be favorable to the views of Unitarianism, were invited to meet on the 29th of November last, for the purpose of adopting measures to establish a church. That meeting, consisting of ten individuals, impressed with the importance of taking decided steps to attain its object, at once avowed itself to be an Unitarian Congregation, and requested the Rev. Maxwell Davidson to officiate as Minister; the meeting pledging itself to endeavour to obtain a place of Worship, and to defray the expense attending such proceedings to the extent of the amounts opposite each name on the subscription list then opened.’ It also directed inquiry to be made to procure temporary accommodation for holding service. A subscription list was at the same time set on foot in aid of the Building Fund, and liberally supported. Advertisements were likewise issued, together with circulars to many individuals, inviting persons favourable to the cause, to transmit their names and co-operate with the Provisional Committee.

“ On a subsequent occasion, the 9th of December, it was determined that application should be made to the Government to grant two acres of land in the parish of East Melbourne, whereon to erect a Church, School-House, and Minister’s Dwelling. This request, in the first instance, met with a decided refusal. The correspondence in this matter (comprising eighteen letters,) was exceedingly tedious, and called for the anxious and deliberate attention of the Committee; the result, how-